

NEILSEN AND YSAE WIN HIGH FAVOR OF MUSIC LOVERS

Singer and Violinist Give
Markedly Artistic Pro-
gram at Columbia.

Old admirers of Alice Nielsen and new admirers of Gabriel Ysaie met in the Columbia Theater yesterday afternoon, filling the house and providing an appreciative audience for a beautiful concert. Miss Nielsen, like Sarah Bernhardt, has time on the run and Kronas abashed, for she is as youthful and charming as when some years ago she sang "I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marble Halls." As a matter of fact, Miss Nielsen is not extremely old yet. She sings with much better method than of old.

Gabriel Ysaie is a worthy son of his illustrious father. The younger violinist, who made his American debut here yesterday, was accompanied by Camille Decreus, the pianist who played for Eugene Ysaie at the Columbia concert on December 13. M. Decreus is remembered for his part in the instrumental group which included the Rachmaninoff "Prelude" and a lovely "Beverly Nocturne" of his own. He accompanied with good taste and skill and contributed markedly to the success of yesterday's concert.

Sonata in D Minor.
The concert began with a Beethoven Sonata in D minor for violin and piano. In the andante Mr. Ysaie played with great tenderness, and in the presto M. Decreus had many requirements to meet.

Miss Nielsen then gave an English group of songs by Cadman, Spross, and Strauss. One may say that Miss Nielsen, as in recent appearances here, showed good art, and a pleasing voice, albeit her upper tones are a little shrill and her middle register is the best. It was in the group of numbers, "Reve d'Enfant," by E. Ysaie, and "Havanalse," by Saint-Saens, that Gabriel Ysaie scored his greatest success. The first composition, though modern and strange, had great charm, and its delicate beauty at the close seemed to melt into silence. The "Havanalse" was a curious Spanish or Cuban movement. In another contrasting pair, M. Ysaie offered a Berceuse by Faure and Russian airs by Wieniawski. In the latter a soulful tune received such treatment as the Paganini tradition accords. An encore was demanded and granted.

Singer Wins Audience.
Miss Nielsen gave four French songs agreeably, and after an intermission passed on to Brahms, Liszt, and Grieg. A Debussy "Mandoline" was odd and delicate and Liszt's "Lorelei" was lovely. The "Botschaft of Brahms" was beautiful and the Grieg numbers were made very intelligible by the singer. The French songs possessed charm and the German and Scandinavian songs had a depth of feeling that made them compelling. Miss Nielsen brought spirit to her French songs and sympathy to the German. She closed the concert with a second English group.

FEAST OF OYSTERS FOR LOCAL ELKS

Fine Musical Program Adds to
Gaiety of Monthly
Event.

Two hundred and fifty bushels of oysters were required to satisfy the appetites of members of Washington Lodge, No. 15, B. P. O. Elks, when 300 loyal members gathered for the monthly meeting, last night. Operation started early in the evening, and at 1 o'clock, that mystic hour when all Elks pause to drink a silent toast to absent brothers, there was a brief interval in the merriment after which deprecations on the "oyster pile" were resumed.

The toast was made especially impressive by the incidents connected with last night's affair, the lights being turned down for a few minutes and Samuel Gompers, reading the toast from the platform.

**PREPARE PROGRAM
FOR LADIES' NIGHT**
Carroll Council Officers Will Celebrate Society's Anniversary.

Carroll Council, Knights of Columbus, will celebrate its fourteenth anniversary next Wednesday evening. It will be ladies' night, and the entertainment will be preceded by an address of welcome from Grand Knight William J. McGee. The boy choir of the Sacred Heart Church will sing several selections as a part of the musical program arranged. Dancing will follow this entertainment. Potomac Council held a ladies' night meeting last night at which there was an entertainment and dancing.

LOCAL MENTION

"Eastern Jealousy." Great Reels. Virginia. Today.

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Next Meeting of Civic Body Will
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January 21.

Arrangements for the next monthly meeting of the Board of Trade at the Willard, January 21, will be perfected at a meeting of the executive committee Monday.

President Droop is about to inaugurate a more systematic process of committee work in the Board of Trade work. He is today sending letters to the chairmen of all the standing committees, urging that each committee meet regularly once a month.

Interesting Program Of Biological Club

The 56th meeting of the Biological Society of Washington will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the lecture hall of the Cosmos Club. The evening will be taken up with three discussions lasting twenty-five minutes each. S. M. Tracy will speak on "The Rediscovery of the Oenothera Grandiflora." H. H. Bartlett will speak on "The Problem of the Identity of the Oenothera Lamarckiana." and S. A. Rowher will speak on "Bawflies and Their Relation to Forestry." The last lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides.

Gift for Miss Gould.
NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Ten cents at a time, Miss Helen Gould's sewing class at Lyndhurst is collecting money for wedding present.

WILSON IS PROBING PUBLIC RECORDS OF CABINET ASPIRANTS

Keeps Intentions in Dark,
But Is Putting Candidates
to Severe Test.

The fact that Woodrow Wilson is searching through the qualifications and characteristics of the men who aspire to the Cabinet, as with a fine toothed comb, has developed here. Senators and others who have gone in the past few weeks to confer with Governor Wilson have returned absolutely in the dark as to his Cabinet intentions. But they found themselves piled with questions about the qualifications of candidates.

One thing Mr. Wilson is insisting on knowing about is the "constructive progressivism" of the men being considered for the Cabinet. And to find this out, he is having considerable investigation quietly made. A prominent member of the House who is known to be prominently considered for a Cabinet place, finds that someone is going through his entire record as a Congressman. He has reason to believe it is Governor Wilson who has had the inquiry made, and that the governing wants to know whether he is and has been for years a "constructive progressive," or whether he is a new convert, moved by zeal for office. This Congressman is not uneasy.

for he thinks his record will stand the test. Other aspirants are more nervous. At one time, Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, was much talked of for Attorney General. Then, in a House debate it was brought out that Mr. Palmer was long local counsel for the Lackawanna railroad. As a result in the last few days the word is borne in from Trenton that Mr. Palmer has been eliminated from Mr. Wilson's consideration of the Cabinet.

SAYS ILLITERACY IS ON INCREASE

Dr. Falkner Blames Percentage
Which Remains on Inadequacy
of Rural Schools.

Quoting census figures for the past thirty years, Dr. Roland P. Falkner, speaking before the Federal Schoolmen's Club last night, pointed out to his audience how illiteracy in the United States among the colored as well as the white race is fast disappearing.

That the present percentage of illiteracy among whites is due almost entirely to conditions in rural sections, where school facilities are inadequate, was pointed out by the speaker. He declared Massachusetts probably was the leading example of this state of affairs. The Schoolmen's Club held the second of its series of six annual dinners at the Hotel Continental. Dr. Thomas W. Sidwell, president of the organization, presided as toastmaster. Several other members made brief addresses besides Dr. Falkner. Prof. C. W. A. Veditz, Warner Bishop, and Prof. S. W. A. Schmidt were elected to membership in the organization.

BUREAU EXPERT TALKS FARMING

Prof. W. J. Spillman, in charge of farm management work of the Department of Agriculture, delivered an address yesterday before the meeting in the National Museum auditorium of the county agents of the department, who will carry on farm demonstration work in the Northern States this summer. After a general discussion of the work of the bureau and the objective of the demonstrative work, Prof. Spillman, discoursed on the necessity of humus in the soil for best results. Dr. David Griffith, E. O. Wooten, Prof. L. C. Corbett, and A. B. Hoff, addressed the agents at the afternoon meeting.

OBJECTING CLERKS TO BE TRANSFERRED

A realignment of the force in the office of the Auditor for the Postoffice Department is likely as a result of the protest of certain workers against the new piece system. Through a process of readjustment, Auditor Kram expects to successfully dispose of the dissatisfied workers, whom he declared are among the inefficient. Some of these will be transferred to statutory rolls in the Treasury and in other departments, and others will be cared for in a similar way. None of them will be dismissed because of their complaint. Mr. Kram said today that he bore them no malice, but thought the work would be benefited by their transfer.

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Report on Water Flow.

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